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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CARTER ANNAPOLIS SPEECH

1. "L'ECHO DE L'AFRIQUE" (PRIVATE NEWSLETTER, CLOSE TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT) CARRIES ANALYSIS TITLED, "THE WEST AND AFRICA: FIRMNESS BUT NO ACTIVISM." EXCERPTS:

2. QUOTE...THREE POINTS DRAW OUR ATTENTION IN (CARTER'S) SPEECH:

(1) HE TAKES CARE TO UNDERLINE THAT THE INTERVENTION OF -141 CARGO PLANES IN THE SHABA AFFAIR IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. CAPACITY TO REACT, IF THE USSR AND ITS PUPPETS IN ARMS CONTINUE IN THEIR ACTIVITIES;

(2) CARTER CITES BY NAME, AMONG THE CONFLICTS TEARING APART AFRICA, THOSE OF ANGOLA AND ERITREA. THIS DOUBLE MENTION INDICATES THAT THE HEAD OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PLACE ACERTAIN MORAL PURITY AHEAD OF THE IMPERATIVES OF "REALP LITIK". POWERFUL PRIVATE INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY GULF OIL COMPANY AND EXXON, WERE PUSHING HIM, INDEED, TO PRACTICE, REGARDING ANGOLA, A KIND OF "PISARIAN" POLICY (FROM THE NAME OF THE ECONOMIST

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SAMUEL PISAR, APOSTLE OF "DOLLAR DIPLOMACY" IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS). ALSO, THE U.S. HAS NEVER MADE A MYSTERY, FROM THE BEGINNING (IN WHICH IT IS NOT LESS OPPORTUNIST THAN THE USSR), OF ITS REPUGNANCE TOWARD A POSSIBLE INDEPENDENCE FOR ERITREA, FROM ITS DESIRE (SHARED BY ISRAEL) TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN BALANCE IN THE RED SEA AREA.

(3) FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ANNAPOLIS SPEECH MAKES
CLEAR, FROM THE MOUTH OF A HIGH LEVEL WESTERN LEADER, THE
EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ROLE OF THE USSR CONCERNING EFFORTS
TO SETTLE THE NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN PROBLEMS. END
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